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ON TUESDAY, Oct. 16, in a television debate, I likened my opponent to an old-fashioned pinwheel. As most of you know, the pinwheel was a very unusual type of firework. It was nailed to a tree, lighted by a match, then it would spin around very quickly in one direction making much noise and many sparks. It would then reverse its course, spin in the opposite direction, again making much noise and many sparks. It was a spectacular firework but it never traveled anywhere. I likened my opponent to such a pinwheel because after examining his voting record in the Senate, I became convinced that although he did much in the way of sparks and noise, his effort led him and you, his constituents in New York, nowhere.



The Race for Senator

At present, we have a Democratic President who has formulated a forward-looking domestic and foreign program for our state and nation. But does he get the necessary leadership from a Senator from New York, in the tradition of the late Robert F. Wagner and of Herbert H. Lehman? No! Rather he is saddled with two members of the Republican Party—the party which opposes the President both in political philosophy and in fact.

The record of my opponent distinguishes him as a man of inaction, as is his junior partner. New York just cannot effectively be represented by two Republican Senators. They think too much alike—they vote too much alike. During this year alone, they voted in harness more than 86 per cent of the time (196 out of a possible 225 opportunities).

In a glib manner with a half smile, my opponent may attempt to say in effect, "I have voted on occasion in favor of the Administration, what more can New York ask of me?" The answer is simple—LEADERSHIP! My opponent has not supplied that LEADERSHIP because he cannot. He sits in conference with his fellow Republicans, rallies their party strength, opposes the President's program and then comes out of the smoke-filled Republican meeting and outwardly may vote for the Administration's program. However, his is a carefully calculated vote. It is cast only after he has seen that he has gathered sufficient Republican votes to serve his party's needs and roadblock the President's program. Such a course of conduct deprives New York and President Kennedy of the leadership we need and deserve in the U. S. Senate.